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CLARE MARTIN MLA Chief Minister

MARTIN PUSHES FOR TERRITORY JOBS DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH CONOCOPHILLIPS

Chief Minister Clare Martin today stressed the need for Territorians to be allocated a significant proportion of all jobs created on future Timor Sea gas developments.

Her comments followed high-level talks with ConocoPhillips CEO, Jim Mulva in London overnight.

During the talks, the international resource giant stated its firm commitment to bringing gas - from its Bayu-Undan field - onshore to Darwin.

“With Treaty issues surrounding ConocoPhillips’ Bayu-Undan field nearing completion, it’s important for Government to ramp up its efforts to secure jobs for Territorians,” Ms Martin said.

“This Government is determined to attract businesses to the Territory and deliver on the employment opportunities they present.”

ConocoPhillips is planning to build a \$3 billion LNG plant - the most expensive piece of infrastructure in the Territory’s history - at Wickham Point. The LNG plant will employ nearly 1200 people during the construction phase and approximately 100 people during operation.

Ms Martin said the meeting had strengthened ties between the Territory Government and ConocoPhillips and allowed her to emphasise what the Territory expected from the partnership.

On the issue of Sunrise gas, ConocoPhillips - one of the field’s four joint venture partners - said that it would be continuing working towards finding customers to develop the field.

“As the Territory Government has been saying, Sunrise gas is a longer term prospect but can, and we believe will, still come onshore.

“Today’s meeting has resulted in a firm commitment from both parties to continue working together to deliver the benefits of Timor Sea gas.”

Ms Martin will meet with Bechtel, the selected contractor to build the ConocoPhillips LNG plant, later this week to further discuss Territory job opportunities.